

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41-85 are pending and claims 1-40 are cancelled. Applicants submit this supplemental amendment as requested by the Examiner in order to update and provide the status of all claims. With respect to the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, Applicants incorporate by reference all remarks and arguments set forth in Amendment "E" and Response, filed November 3, 2003.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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